



**The EDR-City Directory**  
*Abstract*

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## **City Directory Abstract**

Environmental Data Resources, Inc.'s (EDR) City Directory Abstract is a screening tool designed to assist professionals in evaluating potential liability on a target property resulting from past activities. ASTM E 1528-00, Section 7.3 on Historical Use Information, identifies the prior use requirements for a Phase I environmental site assessment. The ASTM standard requires a review of *reasonably ascertainable standard historical sources*. *Reasonably ascertainable means information that is publicly available, obtainable from a source with reasonable time and cost constraints, and practically reviewable.*

To meet the prior use requirements of ASTM E 1528-00, Section 7.3.4, the following *standard historical sources* may be used: aerial photographs, fire insurance maps, property tax files, land title records (although these cannot be the sole historical source consulted), topographic maps, city directories, building department records, or zoning/land use records. ASTM E 1528-00 requires *All obvious uses of the property shall be identified from the present, back to the property's obvious first developed use, or back to 1940, whichever is earlier. This task requires reviewing only as many of the standard historical sources as are necessary, and that are reasonably ascertainable and likely to be useful.* (ASTM E 1528-00, Section 7.3.4, page 12. EDR's City Directory Abstract includes a search and abstract of available city directory data.

### **City Directories**

City directories have been published for cities and towns across the U.S. since the 1700s. Originally a list of residents, the city directory developed into a sophisticated tool for locating individuals and businesses in a particular urban or suburban area. Twentieth century directories are generally divided into three sections: a business index, a list of resident names and addresses, and a street index. With each address, the directory lists the name of the resident or, if a business is operated from this address, the name and type of business (if unclear from the name). While city directory coverage is comprehensive for major cities, it may be spotty for rural areas and small towns. ASTM E 1528-00 specifies that a *review of city directories (standard historical sources) at less than approximately five year intervals is not required by this practice.* (ASTM E 1528-00, Section 7.3.4, page 12.)

## SUMMARY

- ***City Directories:***

This document reports that Environmental Data Resources, Inc. (EDR ) searched select national repositories of business directories, and, based on client-supplied Target Property information, business directories including the Target Property city or town were not deemed *reasonably ascertainable* (refer to ASTM E1527-00, Section 3.3.30) by EDR. This **No Coverage** determination reflects a search only of business directory repository collections which EDR accessed. It can not be concluded from this search that no coverage for the Target Property exists anywhere, in any collection.

## NO COVERAGE

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